

The Intelligencer.

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The Western Democrat proposes to the Convention the following basis for appointing the House of Delegates:

Give to every county one delegate by reason of territorial demands. Give two delegates to every county containing a population of more than ten thousand inhabitants, and one additional delegate for every ten thousand inhabitants above that number. This will enlarge the representation to 74, which will neither be too numerous or expensive.

There is just one difficulty about enlarging the House. The bill provided for that body in the building at the Permanent Seat temporarily occupied as a capitol, is barely large enough, (as we are informed,) by close crowding, to hold the present House of 56 members. If the House is to be enlarged by 18 members it will be necessary to seek other quarters. Is it a part of the tactics of the capital movers to secure an enlargement with an eye to that necessity?

There is one thing to be said, however, in favor of the enlargement of the membership of a Legislature: it makes it more expensive for the people who are around each winter buying up Legislatures. It costs more to purchase a hundred men than fifty; and while it costs the State more to pay their per diem, the increased difficulty thrown in the way of the lobby saves to the State many times over that additional cost.

It is an increase in the membership of the House should operate in the two parties, as suggested, as we indicate, we should be inclined to favor it.

"As to the Senate," adds the Democrat, "reduce its members and make it a more revisory body." What the Senate needs to make it a "revisory body" is not a mere reduction of numbers as an improvement in quality. If anything can be done in that direction, we shall be glad to see it.

The Apportionment bill now under the consideration of Congress fixes the number of members of the House at 231, on a basis of 136,119 souls to each representative, and gives an additional member to States having a fraction more than one-half that number, by which latter Illinois and Missouri would gain another member at large, and Rhode Island would keep one of its present members. Gen. Butler's amendment provides that the election in all States for members of Congress shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, by which the election of members of Congress would, every fourth year, be held on the same day as that for President and Vice President. It is considered that the present system of electing members of Congress at different times in the several States deprives the people of the opportunity to speak uniformly on any great question of legislation.

SENATOR SUMNER'S proposition to abolish the Internal Revenue Bureau, with all the army of collectors, assessors, inspectors and deputies, precisely meets the popular wish at this time, and bids fair to be supported by a strong pressure of public opinion on Congress. The country demands relief from taxation, and first of all that taxation which supports superfluous officials.

This Pittsburgh Mail says the return of Mr. GARRETT, President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, which is now operating the Pittsburgh & Connellsville Railway, to reduce the excessive rates charged our coke manufacturers for the transportation of their commodity, will result in the early construction of a branch road from Greensburg to Connellsville by the Pennsylvania Central Company.

It is now stated that no amnesty bill will be considered before the holidays. In view, however, of the recent action of the Southern Investigating Committee, and also the opinions elicited in the discussion at the recent meeting of the House Judiciary Committee, it is considered that when this measure is once taken up, there will be but little opposition to its passage.

This Supreme Court of the United States, by an unanimous decision Monday, holds that the laws by which taxes are levied in some of the States upon commercial travelers are unconstitutional, being opposed to the clause which declares that the citizens of each State shall possess all the privileges and immunities of citizens of the several States.

WENDALL PHILLIPS, in a temperance lecture at Worcester, last Friday night, said we have now no political party that dares to enforce the liquor law, but the children of the present generation would see a great uprising, that would wage a successful war upon rum, or their children would live in an empire.

THERE is no immediate prospect that any determined effort will be made against the franking abuse in the present Congress. Even if there be, there is no assurance that it will succeed. After awhile, the people will make this matter a test in the nomination and election of Congressmen. Then it will succeed.

THE latest move in the Ohio Senatorial fight is a proposition to elect Hon. JOHN A. BROWNE.

HISTORY IN ADVERTISEMENTS.—It has often been said that the history of a nation may be found in its newspapers. The important part that the advertising columns bear in the record may be seen in the following, published within thirty years of each other:

FIVE DOLLAR REWARD.—Run away from the subscriber, on the 23d day of November last, the negro boy Omer Dunn, an apprentice to the plastering trade. He is of Grille color, between twenty and twenty-one years of age, and about five feet ten or eleven inches high. All persons are cautioned not to harbor said boy under penalty of the law. Wilson and Patterson, corner St. John and Common Streets—New Orleans Picayune, 1841.

DIED.—In New Orleans, Wednesday, November 22, 1871, Hon. Oscar J. Dunn, Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana.

Small-Pox and its Prevention.

To the Editors of the Intelligencer: Small-pox is raging throughout our cities to an extent never before known in the history of our country. In Philadelphia it is killing at the rate of nearly 500, and in Cincinnati nearly one hundred per week. Though we have thus far almost escaped, that we can continue free from it long is impossible, unless we speedily awaken from our indifference.

Several new cases are reported this morning, and doubtless before special chair men vacant by this destroyer will be found in many a house whose inmates now slumber in fancied security. How may we lessen our danger, and perhaps entirely escape any great ravages of the epidemic? 1st, by public sanitary measures, including the establishment of a pest house. 2d, by vaccination and revaccination. The first we leave to the Health Officer, the latter to the individual. Several excellent articles on vaccination have recently appeared in our papers, but they were sent professional in character, and of such a length as to be unread by many for whom they were intended. Let us hope these brief remarks may receive attention.

What is the Danger of Vaccination?—I remember, who established this practice, claimed that it affords the same protection as an attack of small-pox does. A person has recently died in our city from a second attack of this disease, but more than one attack seldom occurs. Some physicians claim that it affords no protection, performed, affords even a better protection against small-pox, than does small-pox itself. However this may be, it is certain that after a perfect vaccination, a person is not at all liable to the disease, and, if he should take it, his chances of recovery are much diminished. Observations in Bohemia for 21 years, made on millions of people, show that the death rate from small-pox among vaccinated persons was only 2 per cent, while among unvaccinated it was 30 per cent. Thus the danger was just one-sixth in the vaccinated. Dr. Murson found in a thirty year's experience in the London Small-pox Hospital, in which time 15,000 small-pox patients were treated, that 97 per cent of the non-vaccinated, and but 6 per cent of the vaccinated die. In England, before the practice of vaccination, the annual death rate from small-pox per million inhabitants, was 5,000; after vaccination, it was 120. If vaccination was universally practiced, and properly performed, the death rate would be doubtless very much reduced below this.

May disease be communicated by vaccination?—We might reply no, but little objection to the answer could be offered. But the importance of the question demands a fuller reply. There is a wide-spread impression that scrofula, syphilis, and skin diseases may be, and are, propagated in this way, and hence many hesitate to resort to vaccination until a positive and immediate necessity (such as small-pox in the house) arises. As to this, Dr. J. C. Watson, who is no higher authority lives, says that its transmission by vaccination is impossible, even though the virus used be taken from the arm of one suffering with this disease. Not are skin diseases produced, unless a constitution predisposing to them exist in the person vaccinated; and in this case the trouble arises, not from any peculiar property of the vaccine virus, for the same results have occasionally followed the use of the pure virus, and also sometimes follow the use of a blister. Mothers have doubtless often noticed that a serious sore sometimes succeeds the piercing of their children's arms. In this way a persistent eczema of the face is not unfrequently caused. No vaccination has been in rare instances the exciting cause of some disease already lurking in the system. The same may be said of syphilis, and in this way the many cases of syphilis said to have been caused by vaccination in our army may be accounted for. It is exceedingly doubtful whether a genuine case of this disease, so much dreaded by the people, has ever been produced by vaccination. If so, it was transmitted by the careless use of blood with the virus. It is certain that a careful and intelligent physician will never convey this disease in that way, because: 1st, He will never take any blood from a person who is not free from blood, or other substance that could possibly convey disease.

We reserve further remarks until tomorrow, when we propose briefly to inquire as to the efficacy of revaccination, &c.

This plague which recently destroyed 60,000 of the 150,000 inhabitants of Buenos Ayres is said to have originated in the following way: Some Paraguayans last year, were bound, on landing at Asuncion, to be suffering from yellow fever. Many of the cases proved fatal. The foul state of the city, and exhausted condition of the Paraguayans after the sufferings of the year, were peculiarly provocative of pestilence, and speedily a fever broke out which the physicians declared to be "bilious fever." Hundreds perished, and thousands fled to the country districts. The disease next spread to Corrientes, and there it made fearful ravages, including many of the physicians and surgeons. The Paraguayans, the malarial spread to Buenos Ayres, a little city which steamed like a dunghill whenever a hot sun shone out after a shower of rain. So honeycombed to the city with old wells, that it sometimes happens that a lady falls through her parlor floor into an unfiled well under the carpet. The water of the river Plata was so thoroughly polluted by filth that the dead fish covered the roadstead and river; yet this was the water which the inhabitants of Buenos Ayres had to drink. The air was foul and sickening; the water was corrupted; the earth was reeking with abomination. The plague from the Plata ran to the harbor of death. The people continued plagues changing to a more healthy state.

MR. DODGINS of the New York Herald Bureau, (front office) is much complimented on his grand impetuous sensation in Saturday's Herald—Washington Star.

Meeting that the "sensational" was simply an unmitigated lie, we fail to see the ground of complaint.

DIED.—On Monday evening, December 11, 1871, at 8 o'clock, Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Henry A. and Charles B. Dunn, aged 1 year, 6 months and 11 days.

THE funeral will take place (Wednesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock, from the residence of her parents, on Virginia street, Wheeling Island.

NATIONAL BANK OF WERT VA.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank and the election of Directors will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, January 9, 1872, between the hours of 10 and 4 o'clock P. M.

FAMILY FLOUR.—50 lbs. Washington lot, Mills, fancy, 30 cts. American Mills, 25 cts. Just received and for sale by M. KELLEY.

JUST RECEIVED.—A Choice Shredded—New York Brand—LIFT, DAVENPORT & PARKER.

100 BACON ROUND ALUM BALT FOR BUTCHER USE. For sale cheap by LIFT, DAVENPORT & PARKER.

Special Notices. ALWAYS GET THE BEST. The most reliable Preparation for COUGHS, COLDS, HOARSENESS, BRONCHITIS, &c.—is—

Reed's Cough Syrup.

It has rapidly grown in public favor, and is endorsed by all who have used it as being superior to any other Cough Medicine. Give it a trial. Sold by all druggists.

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New Advertisements.

MRS. S. M. THOMPSON, of Cleveland, will lecture in "Good Temperance Hall," on Wednesday evening, Dec. 13, 1871, at 8 o'clock. It is the lecture to commence at 7 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13.—We have to-day a fresh supply of—

SAUSAGE MEAT. SPARE RIBS, HEADS, &c. LIST, DAVENPORT & PARKER.

NOTICE. Persons having bills against CHILDREN'S HOME, please call at the Home to-day (Wednesday), between 9 and 11 o'clock and get their money.

FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE. A meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held on Monday, January 1, 1872, from 2 to 5 o'clock P. M., to elect a Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

OFFICE FURNITURE. BOOK CASES, DESKS, OFFICE TABLES, &c. On hand and made to order. Also, SHOW CASES.

A FINE PHOTOGRAPH. HANDSOMELY FRAMED. Makes a nice HOLIDAY PRESENT. Leave orders early at BROWN & HIGGINS' Gallery.

FOR SALE. One Large sized safe, in good order. 2 Office Desks. One Small Office Desk. 1 set "Express" Hardware. 1 set Baggy Hardware. No 10 Market street.

Boys' Watches. Little but good—every one fully guaranteed. Also Gold Watches, Chains, Bracelets, Breast Pins, Thimbles, Spoons, &c., at 104 Market street, below M. H. HIGGINS.

WOVEN WIRE MATTRESS. Perfect sleeping arrangement, of wonderful elasticity and comfort, and as cool as a summer shower. The mattress forms a perfectly perfect bed, with only the addition of a blanket, when the temperature is kept at about 60 degrees. For the good and durable mattress, the price of the Wire Mattress does not seem high, and their exceeding durability makes them really very cheap. G. MENDEL, BOOTH & CO.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT. DOMESTIC MADE. Work Boxes, Writing Desks, HANDKERCHIEF BOXES, BOXES WITH MATERIALS FOR WAX FLOWER MAKING.

E. L. NICOLL & CO.'S. Under the McLure House.

GRAND FAIR, at the TURNERS' HALL, GERMAN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH. This (Wednesday) afternoon and evening. Admission, 25 cents.

111 Market Street.

W. A. TURNER. Would respectfully inform his friends and the public generally that he has lately edited his store, and enlarged his stock of

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, SILVER AND PLATED WARE, And is now prepared to furnish all, at the

LOWEST CASH RATES, With goods that will do for

HOLIDAY

OTHER PRESENTS.

Starting now, with the determination not to be outdone by any live man, to receive a large share of patronage. Personal and prompt attention paid to regular Watches, Clocks, &c.

New Advertisements.

Fashionable Furniture. Style, Mechanism and Finish. Full and Complete Outfits. In the FURNITURE LINE, for residences, always on hand or made to special order at short notice.

TO THE PUBLIC. Don't allow any interested parties to humbug you with the idea that their goods are superior. Call and see for yourself. Every article guaranteed.

UNDERTAKING. We have constantly on hand a stock of the latest improved Full Glass Metallic Caskets, Cases and Wood Coffins.

LOST—IN OR NEAR COLVIN'S Grocery, Market square, an old leather POCKET BOOK.

TIN WARE. TIN WARE. REMOVAL.

HOLIDAY GOODS! We have just received a large assortment of BOOKS, SUITABLE FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

Beautiful Writing Desks, JAPANESE GOODS. Most elaborately wrought and finished by that most wonderful nation, so famous for fine work.

PAULL & ORR, 10 MARKET STREET. NOTICE. OFFICE FRANKLIN INSURANCE CO., WHEELING, W. VA., Dec. 14, 1871.

TO BE GIVEN AWAY. To Our Customers, ON THE 1ST OF JANUARY, 1872.

John Roemer & Co., Nos. 31 and 33 Main Street.

Grand Opportunity. IS NOW OFFERED! \$200! Two Hundred! \$200! WORTH OF GOODS

Given Away to Our Customers ON JANUARY 14, 1872.

JOHN ROEMER & CO. In addition to selling our extensive Wholesale and Retail stock of Fancy and Domestic Dry Goods for less than some in the trade pay for them, we propose to give for every \$5 worth of goods purchased a chance of drawing a set of the famous Pink Pine valued at \$500, or a chance in an extra super Paisley Shawl, valued at \$250.

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TO THE BUYING COMMUNITY! SECOND STOCK. Winter Dress Goods of New and Desirable Shades.

J. H. SMITH, Monroe Street.

A HANDSOME Christmas Present for Some One.

TO BE GIVEN AWAY AT HENRY BRUES', 114 Main Street.

Camel's Hair Shawl Valued at \$275.00! Every purchaser to the amount of Five Dollars is entitled to one chance in this Shawl.

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DRY GOODS. DRY GOODS. GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES.

John Roemer & Co., HENRY ROEMER'S, Until January 1, 1872.

60c Black Alpaca reduced to 40c. The Black Alpaca reduced to 50c. 90c Black Alpaca reduced to 50c. The French Wool Plaids reduced to 50c. 90c French Wool Plaids reduced to 50c. All Wool Dressing Cloth, sold for 75c, reduced to 45c. All Wool French Merino, sold for \$1.00, reduced to 75c. Best All Wool French Satens reduced to 50c.

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Wants.

WANTED—AGENTS FOR THE NEW WHEELER & WILSON SEWING MACHINE. WM. HUMMER & CO., 1000 1/2 Monroe Street, Wheeling, W. Va.

Books, Stationery, &c. Holiday Goods! J. D. STANTON'S.

I have just received a splendid assortment of Writing Desks, Photograph Paper Weights, Photograph Albums, Musical Work Boxes, Musical Albums, Library Ink Stands, Gold Pens and Pencils, Pocket Books, &c., &c.

DIARIES FOR 1872. A Large Supply of Games, Puzzles, &c.

Parlor Croquet, Parlor Billiards, Ten Pins, Brisque, Parcheesi, Race Course, And many other amusing and instructive games.

Also a Large Assortment of GIFT BOOKS. IN FINE BINDINGS. Including New Editions of all the Standard Poets.

Ivory Prayer Books, Fine Bibles and Testaments, Hymn Books, Psalm Books, Books for Juveniles, And an endless variety of TOY PICTURE BOOKS.

ALPHABET BLOCKS, PARAGRAPHS, &c. Call early and avoid the rush during Christmas week. I will take great pleasure in giving which I may goods, whether you desire to purchase or not.

J. D. STANTON, COR. MONROE AND MARKET STS. Furniture, Undertaking, &c. FURNITURE & UNDERTAKING.

WM. ZINK & SON, North and Center Wheeling Market. A general assortment of all kinds of Furniture on hand. Mattresses, Window Shades, &c. Made to order. Special attention given to UNDERTAKING.

A full stock of all the late styles of Watches, Gold Chains, Cases and Wood Cases. 1000 1/2 MONROE ST., WHEELING, W. VA.

Jewelry, &c. AMERICAN AND FOREIGN WATCHES, Sterling Silver and Silver Plated Ware, Fine Jewelry of Every Description.